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Honorable Representative Gary A. Turco

Dear Honorable Representative Turco,

I applaud your

H.B. No. 6403 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR THE MERGER OR CLOSING OF INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

March 8, 2021

This legislative oversight is crucial to maintaining the integrity of Connecticut Public Higher Education.

Will you please amend this to include the University of Connecticut, with particular attention to the University of Connecticut Health Center (UCHC)?

I am sure that you are aware that UConn and UCHC have been at the epicenter of public higher education and public health response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This is not the time to risk public confidence in this public trust.

Across all UConn campuses, the current focus remains on surviving through the pandemic. This is not the time to even entertain any risks from privatization.

Please expand your bill to include UConn,

with a 2 year moratorium on any consideration of any privatization.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

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